

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

JASMERAE MARTINEZ

## HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jasmerae Martinez for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Jasmerae Martinez is a 12th grader at Mapleton Online and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jasmerae Martinez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jasmerae Martinez for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

## RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF CHARLES SPENCER

## HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mr. Charles Spencer who passed away at the age of 94 on Monday, March 22. I am grateful for the service of men like Mr. Spencer, and I join his family and loved ones in mourning his loss.

Mr. Spencer was born on November 21, 1926 in Clay County. He grew up on his family's farm and spent his entire life as a resident of Itawamba County. In 1944, he was married to his childhood sweetheart, Martha West.

Charles was passionate about education. He spent his life inculcating into his students the value of education. He began his career under the Emergency Certificate in 1947 teaching 5th and 6th grade at Tilden and Banner. He taught social studies and coached the men's and women's basketball teams at Cleveland Vocational School in 1951 and 1952. In 1952 Mr. Spencer earned his BS in Education from Mississippi State University before returning to Itawamba County to serve as principal at Mantachie. He taught night classes to veterans who sought to further their education. In 1972 he returned to Mississippi State to earn his MA in Education Administration. He was then appointed as Superintendent of Education of Itawamba County.

Charles is survived by his son, Keith; daughter, Brenda; grandchildren, Klista, Ina, Matthew, Beth Ann, Stephanie and Max; and great-grandchildren Mia Rae, Aiden, Charlie,

Catherine, Colin, Anthony, Marina, and Alexios.

Mr. Charles Spencer was a central figure in the education of countless Mississippi students and I commend him for his lifetime commitment to his community.

## HONORING REPRESENTATIVE GARY STAPLES

## HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Gary Staples who passed away on January 2, 2021 at the age of 80. I send my condolences and prayers to Mr. Staples' family and friends.

Born and raised in Laurel Mississippi, he attended the University of Southern Mississippi and Jones County Junior College.

Representative Staples served as a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives for the 88th District. Mr. Staples was loved and respected by his constituents, family, friends and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

From serving Mississippi's 88th District for 17 years, he has left behind a legacy of commitment to the State of Mississippi for us to remember him by.

Although we are sad to hear of his passing, we take comfort in his example of a life well lived and the legacy he leaves behind. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Mississippi, we honor the memory of Representative Gary Staples, a loving husband, father, man of God, and dedicated civil servant.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF TODD SPIKER

## HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Todd Spiker. Todd was a longtime friend of my family and we will miss him dearly.

Todd passed away on Sunday, April 4, 2021. Todd spent a lifetime in service to his country beginning at the age of 19 when he joined the U.S. Army. Upon leaving active duty, he joined the Alabama National Guard and served in the operation Desert Storm with the 214th MP Company.

After graduating from Jacksonville State University, he went to work at the City of Gadsden Police Department. Five years later, he would join the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent where he would proudly serve for the next 23 years. Todd had a wonderful life and left an incredible legacy. I am grateful for his service and I offer my deepest condolences to his family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. LAUREN BOEBERT

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Mrs. BOEBERT. Madam Speaker, I was en route and got stuck in traffic. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 104.

FAYTHE WILLIAMS

## HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Faythe Williams for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Faythe Williams is an 11th grader at Legacy High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Faythe Williams is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Faythe Williams for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

## RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF KEN SEALS

## HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Ken Seals who passed away on Monday, March 29 at the North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo. I join Ken's family and loved ones in mourning his loss.

Ken, born to M.L. and Viola Laprade Seals, grew up in Pontotoc. He graduated from Pontotoc High School in 1956 and received his associate's degree from Itawamba Junior College. He later attended Mississippi State University before joining the United States Army. He served in Germany from 1958 to 1961. In 1965, Ken married Shelby Jean Seals. The two were married for 45 years until her passing in 2010.

Ken worked for 33 years as a purchasing agent for Malone and Hyde. He was an active member of First Baptist Church and West

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